(d) if so, the average difference between the two during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since interest rate regime has been deregulated, the individual banks are free to fix a rate of interest on their lending depending on the cost of the funds and the risks involved in such lending. Therefore, the rate of interest charged by the banks on loans under SJGSY varies from bank to bank. However, the Government, on its part, has been regularly advising the banks to keep the interest as low as 9% for rural and agriculture loan amounts up to Rs. 50,000/-. The guidelines of RBI also provide that the loans up to Rs. 2 lakhs should not be above Benchmark Prime Lending Rate.

(c) and (d): Number of applicants for the loans and number of actual recipient of the loans under the last three years are indicated below:

Year	Number of loan applicants	Number of actual recipient of loans	%age of loan recipients to number of applicants
2002-03	899374	452433	50.30
2003-04	746797	420678	56.33
2004-05	806525	467542	57.96

Textile Special Economic Zone Hassan in Karnataka

3191. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given approval for the proposed Textile Special Economic Zone at Hassan in Karnataka;

(b) if so, when the approval was given;

(c) whether the work for the proposed textile Special Economic Zone has commenced;

(d) what is the present status; and

(e) what type of assistance Government would provide for the setting up of the above Textile Special Economic Zone at Hassan?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) Approval has been given on 31.8.2005 for setting up of a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) for textiles sector at Hassan, Karnataka, to Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) on the basis of a proposal received from them.

(c) and (d): The (KIADB), the developer of the SEZ, has indicated that the land acquisition process in respect of 581 acres of land, for establishment of the SEZ, been completed and finalisation of layout plan is in progress.

(e) The Government of India facilities establishment of Special Economic Zones by providing an appropriate policy environment, including duty import/domestic procurement of goods for the development of the SEZ and income tax exemption for 10 years in a block of 15 years for SEZ developer. However, no financial assistance for development of the SEZ is envisaged under the SEZ scheme.

Textile package

3192. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has drawn any textile package for textile industry and particularly for Southern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;